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SUBJECT: ILO CONFERENCE: RESOLUTION CONCERNING WORKERS
OF PUERTO RICO

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1. USDEL SHOULD TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO HAVE CUBAN
RESOLUTION LOW RANKED SO AS NOT TO BECOME ONE OF THE TOP
FIVE RESOLUTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED.

2. IN ADDITION TO BACKGROUND PAPER GUIDANCE (IO/LABW -
RUSSELL HEATER) YOU MAY WISH TO SAY THAT WE REGARD CON-
SIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO AS INTRUSION INTO INTERNAL USG
MATTERS.

3. REGARDING SPECIFIC ARGUMENTS LISTED IN CUBAN RESOLUTION
YOU MAY WISH TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT IF SUBJECT SHOULD COME
UP IN CORRIDORS OR SPEECHES:

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A. "COLONIAL STATUS OF PUERTO RICO" WAS NOT, AS CUBAN

RESOLUTION FALSELY INDICATED, RECOGNIZED BY UN COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION AUGUST 1973. LATTER RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMED THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION. SUCH ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WAS THE 1952 ELECTION RECOGNIZED BY 1953 GA. ALSO SEE PUERTO RICAN VOTING RECORD IN BACKGROUND PAPER. WE REGARD INDEPENDENCE AS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF AN ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THE VOTING RECORD DEMONSTRATES THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT IN THEIR DESIRE FOR A SELF-GOVERNING STATUS OF COMMONWEALTH OF FREE ASSOCIATION. "COLONIAL STATUS" SIMPLY DOES NOT APPLY.

B. USDEL MAY BE FURTHER GUIDED BY DEPT OF LABOR SOLICITORS OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES ON DEL REGARDING RESOLUTION'S REFERENCES TO US LAW AND PRACTICE, INCLUDING TAFT-HARTLEY ACT, NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, ETC.

4. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT DOL SOLICITORS OFFICE REPS ON DEL HAVE WITH THEM APPROPRIATE DOL FILES AND RESOURCE MATERIALS. FYI. DOL BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING, BUT DEPT FEELS USE WOULD PROLONG DISCUSSION AND BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE:

-- ACCORDING 1970 CENSUS: POPULATION OF PUERTO RICANS 2.7 MILLION; POPULATION OF PUERTO RICO BORN LIVING IN CONTINENTAL US 810,000. WHEN US OFFSPRING ADDED, TOTAL OF THOSE PUERTO RICAN EXTRACTION IN CONTINENTAL US 1 AND ONE-HALF MILLION.

-- ACCORDING MARCH 1974 CENSUS UNEMPLOYMENT OF PUERTO RICAN EXTRACTION IN US 9 PER CENT. UNEMPLOYMENT OF BLACKS IN US 9 PER CENT. UNEMPLOYMENT TOTAL US POPULATION 5.2 PER CENT.

-- PER CENT BELOW POVERTY LEVEL IN 1973: PUERTO RICANS 34.1 PER CENT; BLACKS 31.5 PER CENT; TOTAL US POPULATION 11.1 PER CENT. END FYI.

5. ASSUME USDEL WILL COORDINATE AND CONSULT AS APPROPRIATE WITH US WORKER AND EMPLOYER DELS. KISSINGER
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